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Colonel A. J. Goodpaster  
Staff Secretary  
The White House

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Dear Andy:

I have just received   
 a message from a French general and politician who was one of the important characters in the French Underground during the war and who is an old friend of mine:

"General Koenig by direct private exchange messages with President Eisenhower has requested and received invitation visit him in Washington. Intends to make trip very soon. Purpose of visit is General Koenig's desire express to President Eisenhower his views on critical French political situation and suggest as possible remedy the necessity of a national arbitrage to settle differences between the various parties, to be conducted under the auspices of General De Gaulle. He will explain to President Eisenhower that General De Gaulle's unquestionable prestige to effect such an arbitrage is evidenced by the visits he has been receiving from leading personalities of practically all French parties seeking his advice and opinion."

My French general friend, who is very close to General Koenig, adds that he proposes either to accompany General Koenig, or in any event to be present in the United States simultaneously with him.

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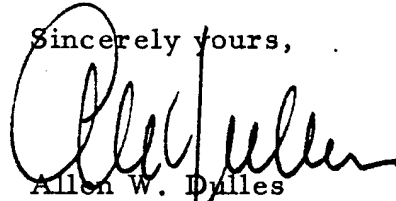
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I should be very interested to know whether there is anything to the above report.

No distribution whatever has been made of this message outside of this agency.

Sincerely yours,



Allen W. Dulles  
Director